

Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: The Lemon Cove Sanitary District (District) is the lead agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on the proposed Lemon Cove Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore the MND was prepared. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the MND.

Project Title: Lemon Cove Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project

Project Location: The existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) lies approximately 0.7 miles north of Lemon Cove on the west side of SR 216, adjacent to Goodale Lane. Immediate surrounding land use is primarily comprised of agricultural purposes. Improvements to the WWTP will occur within a 45-foot buffer around the existing pond and pipeline routes, totaling approximately 2.5-acres.

Project Description: The Project will involve improving an existing wastewater treatment plant owned and operated by the District under Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 94-348. The existing pond was evaluated and determined to be in poor condition, thus improved disposal alternatives are necessary to maintain the highest levels of service. It was determined that an alternate disposal system within the existing footprint of the WWTP facility was feasible. Upgrades to the existing WWTP will include the following: Installation of a 20,000 gallon (10-foot diameter by 35-foot long) septic tank; installation of a 4,000 square foot leach field and associated leach lines; and connection to the existing sewer collection system (with an 8-inch influent line).

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: The District invites the public and agencies to provide comments on the Project. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the MND will be from October 4, 2019 to November 4, 2019. Copies of the MND can be obtained from the District. Please refer to the contact information below.

Please send your comments or requests for information to Bill Pensar at the Lemon Cove Sanitary District, P.O. Box 44374, Lemon Cove, CA 93244 or via email at paul.sereno@am-ce.com (the email address is directed to the District's wastewater engineer). Please provide a name and mailing address for a contact person (if applicable).

District Consideration: The District intends to conduct a public hearing and consider the MND for adoption at the time and location shown below. The public is invited to attend.

Date: November 5, 2019
Time: On or after 2:30 p.m.
Location: 32811 Road 244
Lemon Cove, CA 93244